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1822/1835-1855

801-835 Light St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

The four large three story high, three bay wide brick commercial/residential buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices extending from 801 to 807 Light St. represent post-Civil War enlargements and remodelings of the original three story, gable-roofed houses that were built at this location in the 1840's. All of the buildings currently have modern first floor storefront areas, though 803-807 Light St. are now vacant and awaiting renovation. The Romanesque Revival style church building at 811 Light St. was built in the early 1850's for the local Presbyterian congregation and still serves as the Light St. Presbyterian church. The original brick facade has been covered with formstone but the brickwork can still be seen along both sides of the nave. 819 Light St., currently a three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice and first floor storefront area, was built in 1822 by Charles Reeder, the owner of a steam engine manufactory located at the foot of Federal Hill. The house as Reeder built it for his own use was a two and a half story Federal style house much like its neighbors at 821-823 Light St., built somewhat later by Reeder for his children. A row of three story, two bay wide brick houses extends from 825-833 Light St. All originally had gable roofs, as 829-833 Light St. still do, but 825-827 Light St. have been remodeled with the front section of the roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a bracketed cornice added. All of the first floor door and window openings of this group of houses, built in 1845-1850, have round arched lintels, a fairly uncommon feature in the area. The three story, three bay wide brick house at 835 Light St. also originally had a gable roof, but has since been remodeled with a shed roof and bracketed cornice.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

819 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick structure with shed roof and bracketed cornice represents an enlargement of the original two story, gable roofed structure that was built on this site in the early 1820's. The building is located at the corner of Light and Churchill streets, and extends back along Churchill St. for three bays. There is also a two story, four bay deep addition along Churchill St. The first floor has been converted into a store-front.

The building is three stories in height, 20' wide, and extends back on its lot about 65'. It is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is surmounted by a cornice of Italianate design consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding decorated with a row of cut-work scallops on its face. The underside of the crown molding is decorated with scroll-sawed motifs. The wooden freize area below has a row of dentils bordering both the top and bottom edges. Four large carved wooden brackets support the cornice and connect it to the wooden freize below. There is a double chimney located at the south end of the main structure and a rear end chimney located at the south-east corner of the two story addition.

The window openings of the second and third floors have splayed brick lintels and sills composed of a row of headers. The window openings are filled with 2/2 sash. The first floor has been converted into a storefront with its own bracketed cornice. A late Victorian, horizontally paneled door set beneath a single light transom, located in the southernmost bay, leads to a private residence above. The storefront proper consists of a central modern flush door with glass panes set between two tall single panels of glass resting on plain wooden dadoes. The entire first floor area is surmounted by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by five carved brackets, the panels between the brackets decorated with scroll-sawed motifs. The brackets connect to a lower freize area which is decorated with a row of cut-work scallops. At present, the storefront area is covered with an aluminum awning.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1822 / enl. 1860-75

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Reeder (original)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house, despite its altered condition, is important as being the house of Charles Reeder, an iron founder and steam engine manufacturer whose factory was first located on Churchill St., west of Charles St. (in the early 1820's) and then moved to the foot of Federal Hill, near the Glass house.¹ Reeder's business was active in the local ship-building trade.

The house seems to have been enlarged by Lewis Schaum, who operated a grocery at this location in 1860, and after the Civil War sold vinegar here. Schaum was also a glassblower who worked at the glass works near Federal Hill.²

See also 821-823 Light St.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1824, 1827

²Ibid., 1860, 1865, 1874

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

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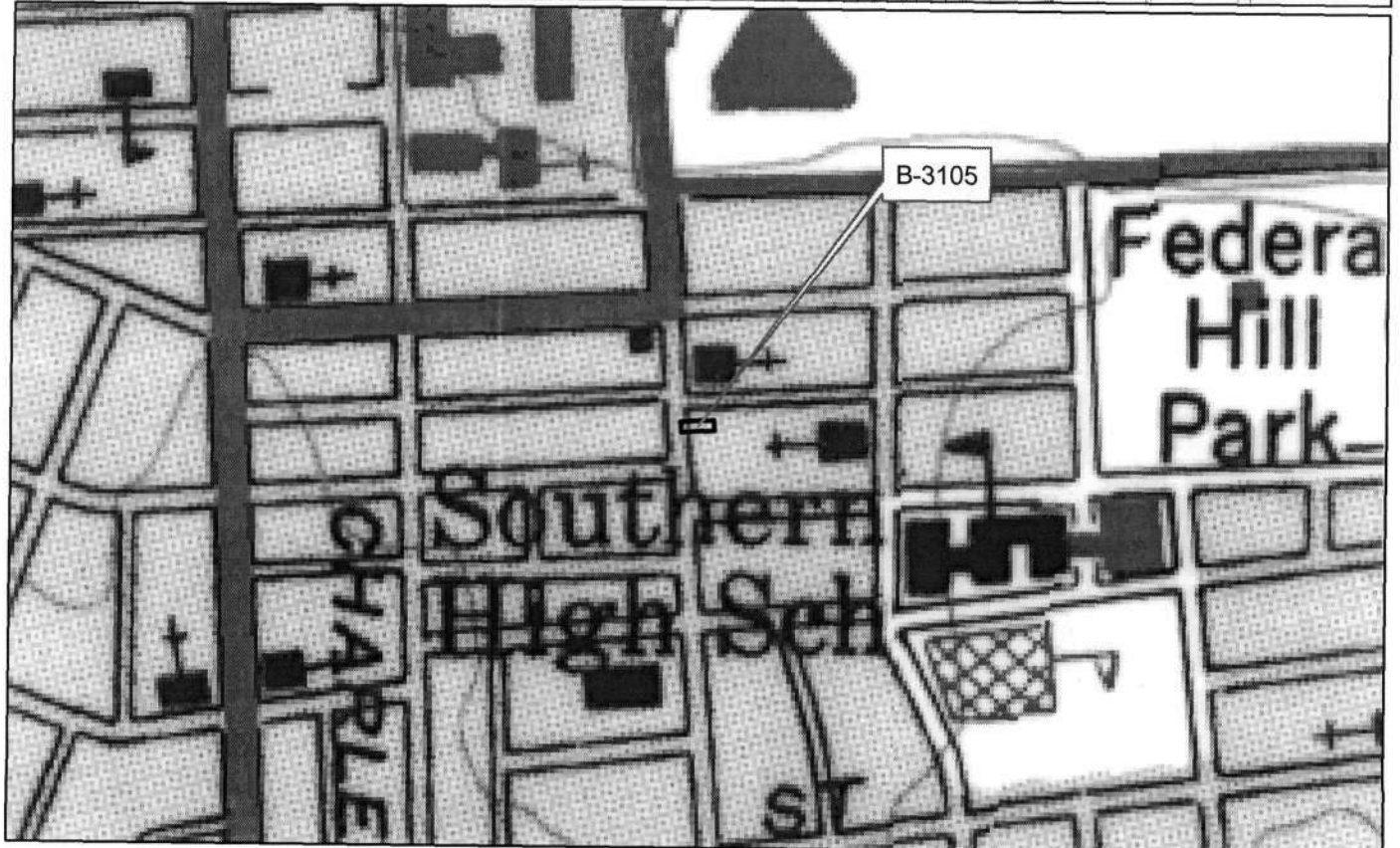
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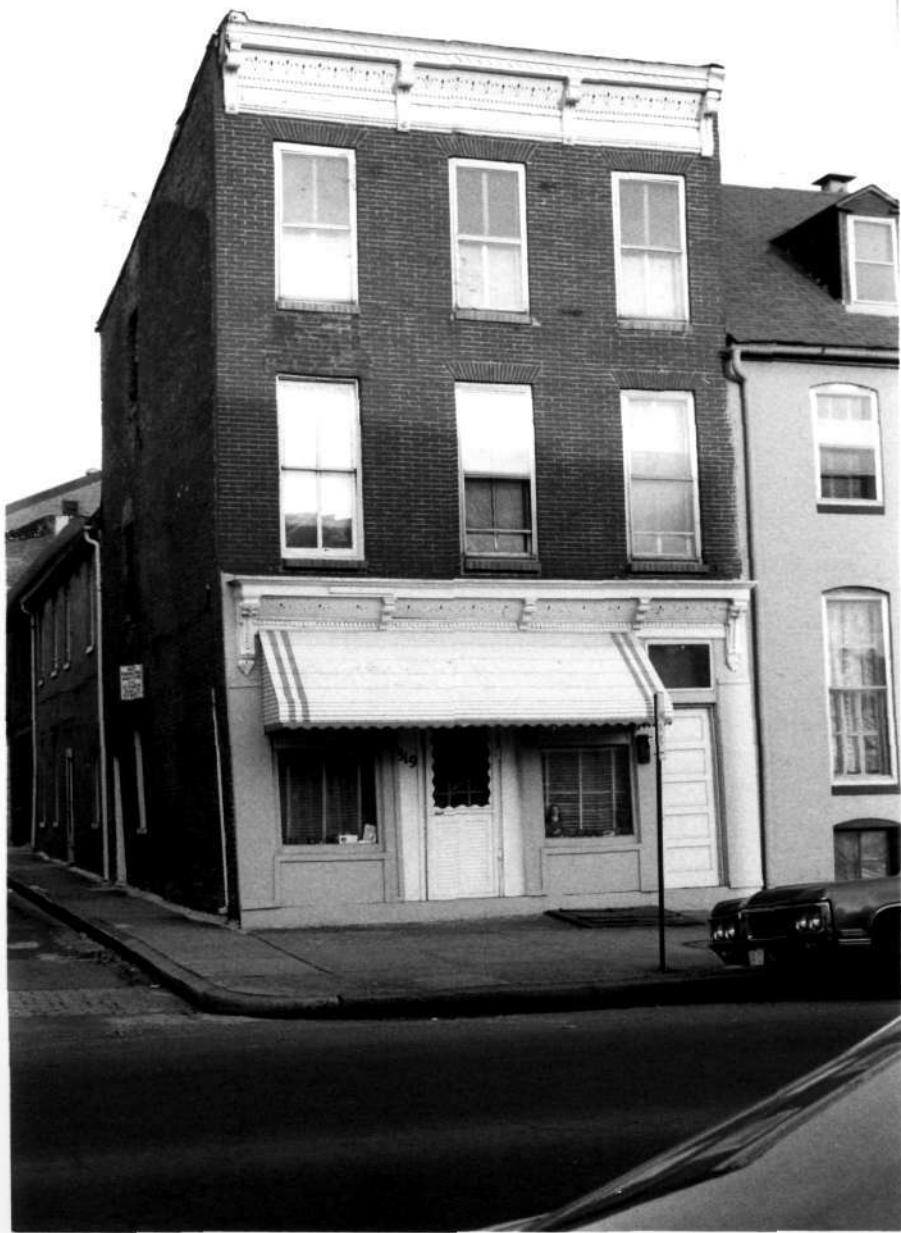
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819 Light St.

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West elevation